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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN TALKS ON ARMS AID TO THE YAR

REF STATE 15236

1. IF EMBASSY LONDON HAS NOT ALREADY APPROACHED THE FCO ON BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN PRELIMINARY TALKS ON ARMS ASSISTANCE TO THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC WE RECOMMEND THAT IT NOT REPEAT NOT DO SO ALONG THE LINES INSTRUCTED REFTEL.

2. THE SAG HAS BEEN TREATING THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THE YAR IN THE MILITARY FIELD AND OUR COOPERATION WITH THEM AS AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE MATTER AND HAVE CONFINED OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ON THIS SUBJECT TO A VERY FEW PEOPLE WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. WE THINK THAT THE SAG WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT APPRECIATE OUR DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT WITH THE BRITISH WITHOUT THEIR APPROVAL AND I WOULD BE VERY DISAPPOINTED IF YOU DO SO.

3. WHILE WE AGREE THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH THE BRITISH AND SHOULD INFORM THEM OF THE JAN 26-27 MEETINGS IN RIYADH WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD SUGGEST TO THE BRITISH THAT THEY INVITE THEM-  
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SELVES TO THE MEETINGS. INSTEAD WE PROPOSE THAT AT THE

MEETING WE INFORM THE SAUDI SIDE OF OUR DESIRE TO BRING THE UKG INTO DISCUSSIONS OF THE QUESTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ASK SAG PERMISSION TO FULLY BRIEF THE BRITISH ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEETINGS AND SUGGEST THAT THE BRITISH BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT.

4. IF EMBASSY LONDON HAS ALREADY CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS REF-TEL WE RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY LONDON GO BACK TO THE FCO AND REQUEST THAT THEY TAKE NO ACTION WITH THE SAUDIS AT THIS TIME BUT INSTEAD INFORM THE BRITISH THAT WE INTEND TO REQUEST THAT THE SAUDIS BRING THE BRITISH INTO THE ACTION AS PROPOSED ABOVE.  
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